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SUBJECT: TRADE FACILITATION: CRAWFORD INTERNATIONAL, INC.
VS. PRESIDENCIA DE LA REPUBLICA

REF: STATE 194109; LA PAZ 5607

1. CRAWFORD'S LETTER OF AUGUST 5, 1975 RECEIVED BY GOV AND PALACIO DE GOBIERNO REPLIED ON AUGUST 19, 1975.
2. TO IDENTIFY PROBLEMS, COMATT MET WITH LT. COL. HUGO TORO VARGAS, JEFE ADMINISTRATIVO DEL PALACIO DEL GOBIERNO, AND MR. FERNANDO KNAUDT B., GENERAL MANAGER, MERCANTIL SUDAMERICANO, LTD. (NOTE: MR. KNAUDT IS COUSIN OF PRESIDENT AND RECOMMENDED CRAWFORD TO GOB), AT OFFICE OF LOCAL DODGE DEALER (HOWSON S.A.) ON AUGUST 19 AND INSPECTED SUBJECT AUTO.
3. AUTO DOESN' OPERATE AS CLUTCH NOT FUNCTIONING AND SECOND GEAR JUMPS OUT OF POSITION. LT. COL. TORO ADVISED THAT CROWN OF CAR AXEL SCRAPES GROUND AS AUTO IS TOO LOW FOR CITY STREETS. AUTO APPEARS TO HAVE BRAKE PROBLEM AS HOWSON CHIEF MECHANIC ADVISED THAT BRAKES CANNOT BE ADJUSTED. BRAKES NOW AT THEIR FULL ADJUSTED POSITION. MR. SLOARES FURTHER INFORMED GROUP THAT IT APPEARED BRAKE DIAMETER IS TOO SMALL FOR THIS AUTO.
4. AS PRESIDENT'S SECURITY INVOLVED, LT. COL. TORO ADVISED THAT PRESIDENT BANZER DOES NOT HAVE CONFIDENCE IN AUTO DUE TO MECHANICAL PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND CRAWFORD'S MODIFICATION OF TRANSMISSION. PALACIO HAS REQUESTED RETURN OF MONEY AND CRAWFORD

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SO NOTIFIED OF THIS POSITION PER GOB'S LETTER OF AUGUST 19, 1975.

5. PRINCIPAL REASON GOB NOT ACCEPTING DELIVERY AUTO IS THAT GEAR BOX WAS NOT FACTORY INSTALLED AS ORDERED BY GOB. BOLIVIANS, AS RESULT OF STEEP TERRAIN, LACK OF REPAIR FACILITIES AND SPARE PARTS, DO NOT NORMALLY ORDER AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION. THEY PREFER FACTORY INSALLED MANUAL TRANSMISSION. BOLIVIAN EXPERIENCE SHOWS AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION MODIFIED TO MANUAL DOES NOT "HOLD UP" UNDER BOLIVIAN ROAD CONDITIONS. PALACIO POSITION IS REINFORCED BY CRAWFORD'S LETTER OF AUGUST 5, 1975 TO GOB QUOTING DODGE FACTORY NOTICE THAT A MANUAL TRANSMISSION COULD NOT BE INSTALLED. CRAWFORD COMPANY STATES IN ORDER NOT TO DELAY DELIVERY, IT DECIDED, WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING GOB PERMISSION, TO MODIFY AUTOMATIC TO MANUAL TRANSMISSION AT THEIR FACILITY.

6. ACTION REQUESTED. SUGGEST MR. CRAWFORD TRAVEL TO LA PAZ TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS WITH GOB AS AUTO CANNOT BE DRIVEN AND APPEARS TO COMMIT GOB WILL IN NEAR FUTURE HAVE NO OTHER OPTION BUT TO ENTER INTO LEGAL ACTION IN U.S. COURTS AGAINST CRAWFORD AS INVOICE FULLY PAID BY GOB AND AUTO DOES NOT COMPLY WITH GOB ORDER.
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